

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable David Price, Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation and
and Urban Development
Committee on Appropriations
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing
Housing and Urban Development
Committee on Appropriations
404 Cannon House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

I am requesting funding for HUB404 in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Buckhead CID, located at 3340 Peachtree Road, Suite 1640, Atlanta, GA 30326. The project location is at 3360 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30326.

The 2.5-square mile commercial and high-rise residential core of Buckhead is one of the most significant districts in Georgia for commerce and urban living. What was once navigable almost exclusively by automobile has become increasingly more walkable and accessible by transit and bicycle, with much remaining to be accomplished to create a truly walkable and livable center. By creating a connection over GA400, HUB404 is the culmination of these efforts creating 21st Century, people-first infrastructure. HUB404 will be the keystone to bringing people traveling on foot, on bikes, and on transit together, creating a truly multi-modal park where no gathering place of any significance exists today. This request will fund at a 50/50 split, completion of HUB404's pre-design phase, based upon the already completed conceptual design, allowing the NEPA process to move forward to advance the transformative HUB404 project.

HUB404 is a good use of taxpayer dollars because a gathering place of significance will be created, allowing for community events and gathers. Further, a direct integration of MARTA's Buckhead Station, MARTA ridership will be enhanced as well as MARTA's bottom line. Construction and permanent jobs will be created. Hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenue will be generated. Environmental benefits will be achieved, and resilience in the face of climate change and its effects will be improved.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikema Williams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nikema Williams
Member of Congress